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In re Application of: )  
Hiroyuki KYUSHIMA, et al. ) Confirmation No.: 4176  
Application No.: 10/586,498 ) Group Art Unit: 2889  
Filed: July 20, 2006 ) Examiner: Vip Patel  
For: PHOTOMULTIPLIER )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examiner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A European Search Report dated November 14, 2008 that issued in a European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

Except as discussed below, the cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the listed non-U.S. patent document is also attached hereto.

While the European Search Report dated November 14, 2008 additionally cites to U.S. Patent No. 3,244,922 and U.S. Patent No. 5,568,013, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on July 20, 2006.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood at least from the attached English-language abstract, and/or from the citation of the document in the attached European Search Report dated November 14, 2008.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitutes "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and

including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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